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SUBJECT: CARGO AND PASSENGER AIRCRAFT FOR LINEA AEROPOSTAL
VENEZOLANA (LAV) - POTENTIAL TRADE OPPORTUNITY.

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1. LAV PRESIDENT VILLAFANE, NOW RETURNED FROM EXTENSIVE VACATION AND STUDY TRIP, EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR C-130 DATA AND WILL WRITE TO PRESENT COMMERCIAL USERS OF AIRCRAFT.
2. REGARDING PASSENGER AIRCRAFT, LAV NOW HAS RECEIVED WORD THAT GOVERNMENT WILL NOT PERMIT PURCHASE OF LOCKHEED ELECTRA ON WHAT VILLAFANE CALLS PSYCHOLOGICAL GROUNDS. HOWEVER, TODAY HE HAS RECEIVED PERMISSION BY MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS TO INVESTIGATE POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF FIVE CONVAIR 580 PASSENGER VERSION AND TWO TO THREE SAME TYPE CARGO VERSION.
3. LAV ALSO STUDYING PURCHASE OF USED DC-9-30 PURE CARGO OF IF DASH 30 NOT AVAILABLE, DASH 15. VILLAFANE HAD ONE OFFER FOR DASH 30 FROM ALITALIA BUT ALITALIA APPARENTLY NO LONGER INTERESTED IN SALE.
4. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION ON SOURCES OF CONVAIRS AND DC-9 CARGO VERSION. LAV EXTREMELY SHORT ON EQUIPMENT NOW AND WILL HAVE TO RETIRE AT LEAST SIX UNITS SOON. VILLAFANE CONTINUES SHOWING GREAT INTEREST IN CONVERTING HIS FLEET TO AMERICAN EQUIPMENT AND IS HIGHLY APPRECIATIVE OF ANY ASSISTANCE GRANTED IN

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